

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

Date of Decision: 20 March 2020

1. On 20 March 2020, Christchurch Casinos Limited Limited (“CCL”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval to erect temporary hoardings at the casino.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of CCL’s venue licence provide as follows:

6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:

- (a) any construction or design changes whatsoever in the Gambling Area (Schedule 1) and Additional Gambling Areas (Schedules 2, 3 or 4) and for any construction or design changes elsewhere in the Casino Venue which may impact on the matters set out in condition 7;
- (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and Additional Gambling Areas and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices; and
- (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 3 and 4 and the rooftop area of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design for which approval is required under condition 6. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:

- (a) the integrity and fairness of games;
- (b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
- (c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
- (d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age; and
- (e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11 of the Act.

The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

Submissions

3. CCL submitted as follows:

- (a) It wants to create temporary hoardings, approximately 2 metres in height, to physically segment the casino into five separate zones. The segmentation will comply with Government and Ministry of Health instructions to allow a maximum staff and guest capacity of 500 people. The height will be sufficient to prevent physical and visual interaction between the zones.
- (b) The zones will be as follows:
- Level 1 MGF, including half the main cash desk. This area will predominantly appeal to table players. It will share toilets with the Grand Café.
 - Level 1, where the main bulk of EGMs are located, including the other half of the main cash desk and Valley Bar. This area already has separate bathrooms.
 - Level 1 Grand Café – This area is already effectively a separate area and will share bathroom facilities.
 - Level 2 Aspinalls – for VIP players. This zone will include the smokers' area and has its own bathroom facilities.
 - Level 2 Monza, Prive and the rest of the EGM area. This area too has its own bathroom facilities.
- (c) The toilets outside the Grand Café, which are currently separated into Male and Female, will become physically separated on entry and become Unisex on either side. Each side will service a separate zone. The men's urinals will be blocked off.
- (d) The zones will be sufficient to contain and restrict the transference of any potential virus, while still complying with fire safety and egress requirements. The hoardings will have doors in them that may be opened in the event of an emergency.

Decision

4. The Executive Director was satisfied that the proposal would not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions

6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

20 March 2020

